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Sadat leaves for Aswan today

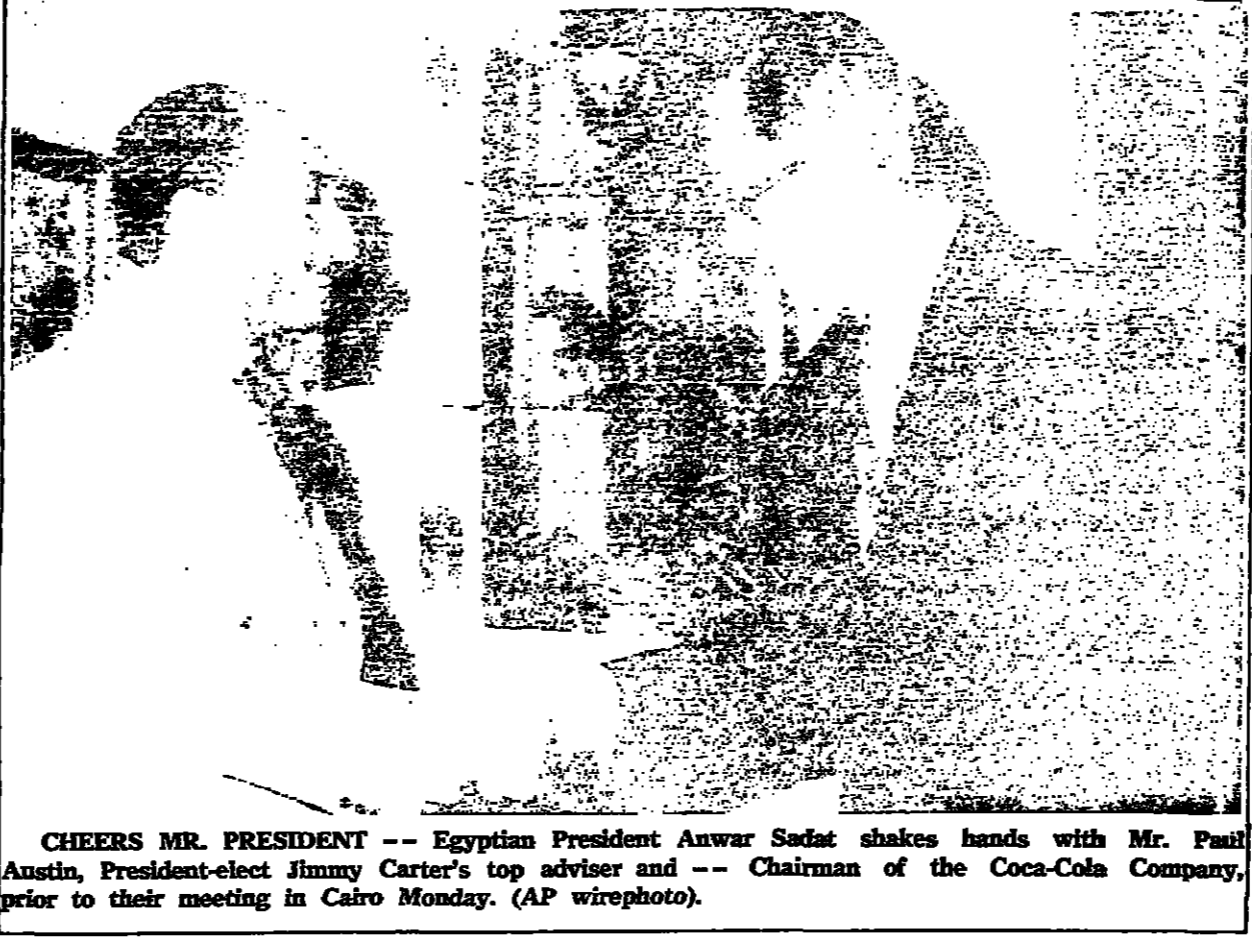
CAIRO, (JNA). — President Sadat will leave for Aswan Wednesday to receive His Majesty King Hussein, who will arrive there Thursday afternoon. Talks between the two leaders will start Thursday evening. Meanwhile, President Sadat hailed Egypt's fraternal relations with the King and bilateral relations with Jordan. He said that Arab unity and solidarity are the two major factors essential for the realization of the aims of the Arab nation and for the realization of the Palestinians' rights in their homeland.

Rabin: Israel must seek peace

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Jan. 11 (R). — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin today called on Israel to strive for peace in the Middle East despite the country's caretaker government and forthcoming general elections. Addressing an international conference of Jewish journalists from 15 countries he said: "I do not foresee movement within the coming days or months but we must avoid any suspicion that Israel is holding up, even for a single day, any chances of meaningful peace talks," he said.

In Damascus Palestinian Central Council convenes

DAMASCUS, Jan. 11 (R). — The Palestinian Central Council met here tonight to review the position of their movement and fix a date for the long-delayed session of its "parliament" — the Palestine National Council. Before the Central Council gathered in the Damascus offices of the PLO, Mr. Zuhair Muhsein, leader of the Palestinian pro-Syrian Saika commando group, told reporters he would seek yet another postponement of the National Council session due to be held in Cairo next month. He said it would be better to await the outcome of the Israeli elections set for mid-May. But PLO chief Yasser Arafat was opposed to the postponement of the National Council meeting, Palestinian sources said. A key factor in the current Middle East equation is Egypt, which became reconciled with Syria last October. The two countries formed a joint political command when President Hafez Assad went to Cairo last month. Egypt is in a position to stand as guarantor to the Palestinians that they will be preserved from subservience to any single Arab government. Jordan, which already has close ties with Syria, will shortly join the new political command. This is expected to be a major topic when King Hussein goes to Egypt on Thursday. Egypt's relations with Syria and Jordan were among the topics on the agenda of tonight's Palestinian meeting. The state of these relations will have an important bearing on whether the PLO might join the command. If this were possible, it would start to bridge the gap between Jordan and the PLO. The renewal of links between Jordan and PLO could also play a major role in the search for peace.



CHEERS MR. PRESIDENT — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat shakes hands with Mr. Paul Austin, President-elect Jimmy Carter's top adviser and — Chairman of the Coca-Cola Company, prior to their meeting in Cairo Monday. (AP wirephoto).

Fahmi tells parliament Egypt may resort to Security Council in lieu of Geneva meet

CAIRO, Jan. 11 (R). — Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmi said today that Egypt would call for a meeting of the U.N. Security Council in lieu of the Geneva Middle East Peace Conference if the conference was not resumed within the next few months. Mr. Fahmi told the parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee that Secretary General Kurt Waldheim was due to visit Cairo on Jan. 12. Egypt was also attempting to get a resumption date through permanent contacts with the U.S. and the Soviet Union, the two co-chairmen of the conference. But if our efforts to reconvene the conference within the coming months failed, or the conference resumes but is deadlocked by the U.S. or the U.S. fails to pressure Israel into a just settlement, then we would invite a Security Council meeting to find a solution," he said. In his foreign policy review, Mr. Fahmi said he believed that steps would be taken soon to improve relations between Egypt and the Soviet Union, which have been lukewarm for the past three years. He said that Soviet and Egyptian views on a settlement to the Middle East crisis were "similar to a large extent." Egypt was still awaiting a reply in Moscow on an Egyptian initiative for a meeting between the sign ministers of the two countries followed by a meeting between President Anwar Sadat and Soviet party leader Leonid Brezhnev. Mr. Fahmi said that although relations with the U.S. were progressing satisfactorily, Egypt regretted the influx of arms supplies to Israel. "We believe that American supplies to Israel with the most sophisticated weapons and concussion bombs is an incitement to Israel to continue its obstinacy and a reward to aggression," he said.

To an unspecified date Geneva conference on Rhodesia postponed

LONDON, Jan. 11 (AFP). The resumption of the Geneva conference on Rhodesia, originally scheduled for next Monday, has been postponed so that conference chairman Ivor Richard may continue his consultations, it was announced here today. British Foreign Secretary Anthony Crosland told parliament that the conference would reconvene as soon as Mr. Richard, at present on a Southern African shuttle, had "established a basis upon which it can meet with a good prospect of success." In authoritative British circles, the conference was given little chance, however, following a weekend summit in Lusaka of Tanzania, Zambia, Botswana, Angola and Mozambique at which the "front-line" states pledged total support for the hard-line nationalist Patriotic Front at the Geneva talks. The statement of support, it was feared here, would make Rhodesian Premier Ian Smith retrench further in his intransigence and complicate any potential efforts by South Africa to put pressure on the white majority regime. Mr. Richard, meanwhile, told newsmen in Dar Es Salaam, following a one-hour meeting with Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere, that he had received assurances that the war in Rhodesia would end as soon as an "acceptable" interim government was in place in Salisbury. The assurances came from both President Nyerere and President Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia, with whom he met at the weekend, Mr. Richard said. In today's talks, the Tanzanian leader stressed that he spoke as the head of a "front-line" state as well as chairman of the leaders of the five African countries, the British conference chairman added. He told newsmen earlier today that he believed Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe, leaders of the Patriotic Front, were "clearly prepared to negotiate." He described his Lusaka meeting with them yesterday as "a quite lengthy meeting, a lively one, but a quite friendly meeting." Well-informed sources in Britain said the Geneva conference might never be reconvened, at least not in its present form, unless Mr. Richard reported positive chances for success following his shuttle tour.

Lebanon expectant as deadline for heavy arms collection draws nearer

BEIRUT, Jan. 11 (Agencies). — The Arab News Agency, published in Beirut, today threw an element of doubt over the smooth collection of heavy weapons used by the rival factions in Lebanon's 19-month war. The four-power Arab committee supervising the present ceasefire last week set midnight tomorrow as the deadline for the collection of heavy arms, from machineguns and bazookas to anti-aircraft guns and tanks. But the Arab News Agency said: "The question is: Will this matter (of collecting the weapons) take place as smoothly as hoped for by all?" "The decisive reply to this question depends on the statement to be announced by the quadripartite committee... after the expiration of the deadline." Local press reports today quoted a spokesman for the small but extreme rightwing Guardians of the Cedars, as saying they had withdrawn from the unified command of the Phalangist Party and ex-President Camille Chamoun's National Liberal Party. The agency quoted deputies representing a number of constituencies in southern Lebanon as saying that the Lebanese authorities were studying ways of restoring state control over all areas in the south. According to the agency, one alternative now being studied provides for the deployment of Lebanese forces in the south "to prevent Israel from (carrying out)... aggressions and tendentious ambitions against Lebanese territory." Earlier the Phalangist Voice of Lebanon radio had reported that rightwing Lebanese forces today began handing in their heavy arms as ordered by President Elias Sarkis last week. The radio made no mention of leftist forces, who, like the rightwingers, were also told to surrender their heavy weapons. Al Anwar newspaper reported today that regular troops of the Palestine Liberation Army (PLA) were complying with President Sarkis' order to quit Lebanon by midnight tomorrow. They were leaving by land and sea the newspaper said, while Al Muharrar newspaper said other PLA units would be leaving tomorrow. In Lebanese Premier Salim Al Hoss arrived in Bahrain today from Kuwait on a tour of Gulf nations aimed at raising funds for post-war reconstruction in his country. Mr. Al Hoss, whose tour began yesterday in Baghdad, lunched at the amir's palace here.

Abu Dawud is released

PARIS, Jan. 11 (Agencies). Abu Dawud, the Palestinian militant whose arrest by the French authorities has turned into an international incident flew in from France after being released earlier today by a French court decision from custody in Paris. A statement on arrival Mr. Dawud accused certain French organizations of arranging his arrest in France to "camouflage the order of Mahmoud Saleh." The order was a former PLO official in a Paris street last week. These French organizations were cooperating with the Israeli intelligence service, Abu Dawud alleged. "Certain French circles are aiming to create difficulties between France and the Arab countries," he said. He asked "Why do the French never find the killers of Palestinian officials in France and are looking for them among friends of the victims as was the case in the killing of Mahmoud Saleh?" Abu Dawud was greeted at the airport by several officials of the French Foreign Ministry and the National Liberation Front Algerian single political party. The French Court's decision blocked moves by West Germany to extradite the guerrilla leader. The Israeli Foreign Minister, Shimon Peres, accused France of "facilitating the flight against international terrorism." The West German Foreign Minister, Hans Dietrich Genscher, said the release of Abu Dawud was "a serious setback for the fight against international terrorism." He said he was traveling with an Iraqi passport in the name of Hanna when arrested. He came here with a PLO delegation to attend the funeral of a PLO official and book-seller, Mahmoud Saleh, slain by gunmen here last week. Turning down the West German request that Abu Dawud be held in custody, the court said there was some confusion over his identity. In a 20-minute hearing, presiding judge Marcel Sacotte further turned down a request from the Israeli Foreign Ministry that Abu Dawud be held while it drew up a request for his extradition. Lawyers representing the PLO official said no Israeli arrest warrant naming him had been issued after the Munich Olympic Games attack in 1972. French prosecutor added that the Israeli request could not be granted, since it referred to crimes committed by a non-Israeli in West Germany in Oct. 1972. Under a law passed in France 18 months ago, people suspected of crimes against Israeli victims may be handed over to Israeli courts, but the prosecutor pointed out that the Munich attack occurred before this law was passed. Abu Dawud, whose name has also been linked with the 1971 assassination in Cairo of Jordanian Premier Wasfi Tall and of the U.S. ambassador to Khartoum, Cleo Noel, in 1973, denied that he was a Jordanian. He said he was an Iraqi. Abu Dawud's release followed a protest to the French Interior Ministry about his arrest from the ambassadors of Egypt, Algeria and Saudi Arabia, who said they had been mandated to speak for the whole Arab diplomatic corps here. French Prime Minister Raymond Barre said in London today the decision to release Abu Dawud was taken "according to the rules of French justice." Mr. Barre made the statement in English, to reporters as he left a 90-minute meeting with Prime Minister James Callaghan.

Violence flares up in Spain's Basque regions

MADRID, Jan. 11, (R). — Violence flared in the northern Basque region again today as Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez began talks with the opposition on efforts to install democracy in Spain. At the same time the Cortes (parliament) started discussing a bill to dismantle state-run labour unions, a pillar of the late Gen. Franco's dictatorship. Two gunmen seriously wounded the bodyguard of a factory executive in the northern port of Bilbao, where factories were closed for the second day by a protest strike against alleged police brutality. Police said the 36-year-old bodyguard, Gonzalo Santos Torres, was linked with extreme rightwingers. They did not rule out the possibility that the Basque nationalist guerrilla group ETA was involved in the shooting. The strike which today involved 60,000 workers was called after police used rubber bullets and tear gas against demonstrators demanding amnesty for Spain's 300 political prisoners, most of them Basques. Amnesty and a legal status for all political parties, including the Communists, were the key talking points between Prime Minister Suarez and a four-man opposition team in Madrid. The talks were expected to be broadened at a later stage to cover conditions for democratic elections in the spring for a two-house parliament which will rewrite the constitution. Apart from the opposition team consisting of a Socialist, a Christian Democrat, a Liberal and a Basque nationalist, the prime minister conferred with Social Democrat Antonio Garcia Lopez and leaders of the rightwing Popular Alliance Party. Senator Garcia Lopez told reporters that Senator Suarez promised that the government would be a neutral arbiter in the coming election campaign. In the Cortes, Trade Union Affairs Minister Enrique de la Mata defended the government's bill to legalize clandestine labour unions such as the Communist-led Workers Commissions and the Socialist General Workers Union.

Carter to ring world leaders

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (R). — President-elect Jimmy Carter plans to telephone the leaders of France, West Germany, British and Japan to discuss the possibility of a mid-year economic summit meeting of major industrialized countries when he arrives in Washington. His contact with the foreign leaders will also set the stage for a scheduled trip abroad by Vice President-elect Walter Mondale soon after the inauguration. Mr. Carter was scheduled to arrive tonight from his home in Plains, Georgia, on the eve of President Ford's farewell state of the union address. He plans to keep a low profile, with no scheduled public engagements, to avoid upstaging the president. He is expected to confine his activities tomorrow to a day-long meeting with congressional leaders reviewing foreign policy options. The president-elect today studied foreign policy and national security issues in preparation for final briefings before taking office on Jan. 20. Mr. Carter will confer here tonight with his National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski to prepare for the congressional meeting. On Thursday, he will have talks on the defense budget with high-ranking Pentagon officials before returning to Plains to finish work on his inaugural address. Mr. Carter has so far made no move to counter sharp criticism of his economic stimulus package from the AFL-CIO labour federation, which supported him during the campaign. Under the Carter plan announced last Friday, up to \$30 billion would be spent in the next two years on tax cuts, tax rebates and public works programmes. But the 13 million-member AFL-CIO said last night that the programme fell far short of its expectations and that Mr. Carter had reneged on campaign pledges. It said a major plan of at least \$30 billion in job creation programmes was needed this year to reduce unemployment from its present 8.1 per cent rate.

Flies to Algeria

PARIS, Jan. 11 (Agencies). The director of the PLO's Liaison and Information Bureau here, Mr. Ezzedin Qalaf, welcomed Abu Dawud's release. He said "everyone" knew that there had been an attempt "to jeopardize the good relations between the PLO and France." In Damascus, a spokesman for the PLO said today the release of the Palestinian guerrilla leader by French authorities was "a measure which conformed to justice." "Israel and world Zionism have tried to divert world and French public opinion, as a result of his arrest, from the criminal act in which Mahmoud Saleh was assassinated in Paris," the PLO representative, Mr. Abdul Mohsen Abu Maizar, told reporters. The spokesman called on the French government to double its efforts to arrest those responsible for Mr. Saleh's murder. In Washington the U.S. State Department today expressed its "dismay" at the release of Abu Dawud "through an apparent legal technicality." A State Department spokesman said the government deplored the fact that "neither West Germany nor Israeli courts will be given the opportunity to interrogate him about the brutal and provoking murders of (Israeli) athletes in Munich", during the 1972 Olympic games. Abu Dawud, an imposing figure with a dark mustache and heavy sun glasses, appeared in court under the name Youssef Raji Hanna. Standing a head above his escort of armed gendarmes in battle-dress, he said he was an Iraqi citizen and gave his age as 39. He said he was traveling with an Iraqi passport in the name of Hanna when arrested. He came here with a PLO delegation to attend the funeral of a PLO official and book-seller, Mahmoud Saleh, slain by gunmen here last week.

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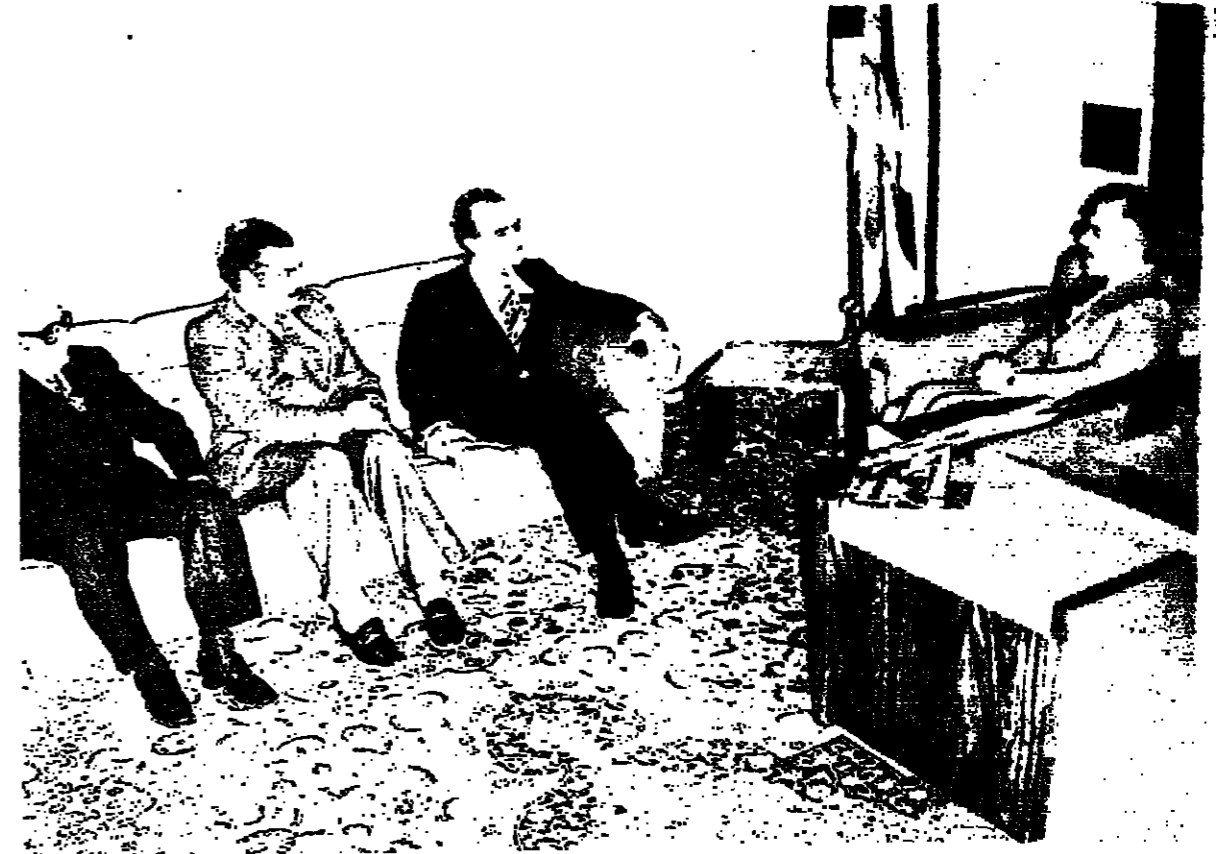
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Lebanese interior minister starts 2-day visit here



His Majesty King Hussein receives Lebanon's Minister of Interior, Dr. Salah Salman, (first right) at the Hashemite Royal Court Tuesday. (JNA photo).

Jordan, West Germany sign water accord

AMMAN (JNA). — An agreement to implement a national plan on water resources was signed between Jordan and West Germany at the Natural Resources Authority (NRA) Tuesday.

Under the agreement, the West German government will provide the experts, who will work in co-operation with NRA ones to carry out a comprehensive survey of the country's water needs, taking into account those of the agricultural and industrial sectors located in the various areas of the kingdom.

Once the survey completed and the requirements determined a programme will be worked out to supply the various sectors and areas according to a list of priorities and taking into consideration the principle of a just distribution.

A high water council will also be formed to coordinate local water policies and projects and keep them in the framework of the national water plan.

The agreement was signed for Jordan by the NRA Vice President, Mr. Ahmad Dakhan and for West Germany by its Ambassador to Jordan, Dr. Horst-Schmidt Dordeden.

Happy marriage

If actions speak louder than words, then Arab actions during the past year in the sphere of international finance should be a source of satisfaction for the entire world, especially for the West. The sharp rise in the price of oil since 1973 has left the major Arab oil producers with far more cash than they can possibly invest productively in their own economies. At first, international bankers and government financial officials were terrified that the Arabs would keep the extra cash in volatile short-term commercial bank deposits or attempt to buy up controlling interests in sensitive industrial firms throughout the Western states. Neither has happened, and the latest figures and developments point to converging interests among the Western industrial states and the cash-rich oil producers.

In the United States, where concern was most vocal about Arabs buying up the country, recent statistics on foreign investments in the U.S. show that there is no reason for worry or scare tactics. The biggest foreign ownership in the U.S. is in the hands of Canadian, British and Dutch firms; among the top 100 foreign-owned American firms, none are controlled by Middle Easterners. These 100 had total sales in 1975-76 of \$ 45 billion, which is less than the sales of the single largest American company, Exxon Oil Corporation at \$ 48 billion.

As for the OPEC states with surplus revenues to invest abroad, which means primarily but not exclusively the Arabs, recent figures show that the \$ 6 billion invested in the U.S. in fiscal 1975-76 was invested in a conservative manner. Short-term commercial bank deposits have not mushroomed, but rather more OPEC money has found its way into government securities, stocks and bonds (both government and private companies), certificates of deposit and real estate. In other words, the surplus money that OPEC seeks to invest abroad is moving into the long-term capital markets of the West. This provides the OPEC investors with long-term profits and security, and it provides the Western world with a source of finance that is both steady and substantial.

The latest twist to this trend is the news that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) may now turn to Saudi Arabia to raise several billion dollars to replenish the IMF General Agreement to Borrow (GAB), from which the recent \$ 3.9 billion IMF loan to Britain has been put together. The loan to Britain has apparently drawn off so much GAB money that the IMF is looking for sources of replenishment, and is considering turning to Saudi Arabia. Italy and Portugal are both expected to seek IMF funds, and if they do the GAB pool will need to be expanded quickly.

The marriage of Saudi and OPEC funds to Western credit demands makes both political and economic sense. If the sharp oil price increase has accentuated Western economic difficulties, it now becomes increasingly clear that some of the oil revenues of the OPEC states can help plug up medium-term cash deficits in the West. Some of this will be done by the private commercial banking system, and some through multinational institutions such as the IMF. It is one of the positive things that can be discerned on the international economic landscape, and it should be encouraged by all.

INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION WITH SYRIA REVIEWED

DAMASCUS (JNA). — The joint Jordanian-Syrian Industrial Coordination Committee held a meeting here Tuesday to review steps to be adopted to coordinate and

later unify industrial production in the two countries.

The committee will draw a list of all existing industries, those to be implemented or still under study, to determine their production output prior to their being submitted for approval. The committee decided to hold its next meeting in Amman in mid February.

The committee will also determine the establishment of industries in the two countries in the light of their economic feasibility. These industries include foodstuffs, chemicals, textiles and clothes, building materials and mineral industries.

The meeting of the committee was presided over by the Jordanian Minister of Industry and Commerce, Dr. Najmeddine Dajani and the Syrian Minister of Industry, Mr. Shtewi Seifo.

Dr. Dajani was received Tuesday by Syrian Prime Minister Maj Gen. Abdul Rahman Khleifawi in the presence of Syrian Minister of Economy and Foreign Trade, Dr. Mohammad Imadi. Discussions centred on questions relating to economic cooperation and union between the two countries.

Also on Tuesday, Dr. Dajani met with Dr. Imadi to discuss setting up joint wings at international fairs and issue a unified law on the encouragement of investment in the two countries.

Dr. Dajani arrived here Monday to attend the meetings of the Jordanian-Syrian industrial committee.

Jordan provides Syria with olive, grape seedlings

AMMAN (JNA). — The Ministry of Agriculture has agreed to provide Syria with 50,000 olive seedlings and another 20,000 ones of grapes at the price fixed for the Syrian Ministry of Agriculture.

The approval of selling the seedlings to Syria was recommended by the joint Jordanian-Syrian Agricultural Committee.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Jordanian, Syrian and Egyptian newspapers Tuesday highlighted His Majesty King Hussein's forthcoming visit to Cairo Thursday. The Egyptian papers said President Sadat will be leaving for Aswan Wednesday, where he will meet with King Hussein.

At the same time, Jordanian and Syrian papers commented on King Hussein's statement to the Kuwaiti magazine Al Majalis, in which he affirmed that relations between Syria and Jordan are now passing through concrete stages for "bringing things back to their original course," meaning that the two countries are working towards a kind of unity.

Referring to King Hussein's statement to the Kuwaiti magazine, Al Ra'i writes: "There is nothing better than clarity, especially in national political action. It indicates an action from a position of strength, sincerity and impartiality. King Hussein was clear, as he always has been, when he told the Kuwaiti newspaper that Jordan will go to Geneva if it is invited in its capacity as a "confrontation state. But discussion on the Palestinian issue is the concern of the Palestine Liberation Organisation which is, according to the Arab summit, the legitimate representative of the Palestinian people." Al Doustour says the discussions

now going on among Arab countries, including the imminent Hussein-Sadat talks in Egypt, call for confidence in that Arab coordination is now moving forward at top speed to face the future with all its different possibilities. It says the expected Hussein-Sadat deliberations represent "a promising starting point for assisting the progress of Amman, Damascus and Cairo's pioneering work in restoring to the Arab front its prowess, considered essential for peace, a shield for the Arabs against aggressive adventures and an indispensable jumping off point for the liberation of the occupied territories."

The Syrian newspapers further discussed the results of the conference of foreign ministers of the Arab confrontation and supporting countries, which has just ended in Riyadh. Tichrih calls for all the Arab states to consolidate their line of action. This would be made possible only by the wealthy states fulfilling their pledges to provide financial and economic assistance to the frontline countries, which, in their turn, are called upon to bear their full responsibilities.

Another Damascus paper, Al Bath, stresses that a just peace in the Middle East can be imposed only by the Arabs relying solely on their strength. The paper considers that international support remains only a subsidiary effort "not

a dynamic force operating the machine of just peace."

Lastly, Al Ahram of Cairo takes the view that the state of disintegration, through which the Israeli Labour Party is now passing, might open the door for the appearance in Israel of certain political-military groups of the extreme right, which seek to gain power and dictate a more extreme and fanatical political point of view on the pretext of wanting to purge the country of the financial scandals and other corruption sustained by the Labour Party during the past three years.

Al Ahram calls upon the Arabs not to overlook the analysis and assessment of these Israeli phenomena, and to take them into consideration in the course of general Arab movement and preparation.

Arab experts on social affairs meet

AMMAN (JNA). — A meeting of the Arab experts on social affairs Monday afternoon convened in Riyadh to prepare for the three-day Conference of the Arab Ministers of Social Affairs due to start there Saturday.

A delegation headed by Mr. Khaleel Al Radaideh, Director of Social Affairs Directorate, Sunday left for Riyadh to attend the meeting.

AMMAN (JNA). — His Majesty King Hussein Thursday evening received Lebanon's Minister of Interior, Dr. Salah Salman, and his accompanying delegation at the Royal Hashemite Court.

Discussions centred on ways to boost bilateral cooperation. The meeting was attended by the Minister of Interior, Mr. Suleiman Arab nation, ways to cement therly relations and to seek for Lebanon.

Dr. Salman arrived here Tuesday on a two-day visit. Upon his arrival at the airport, the Lebanese Minister of Interior said that he would confer with Jordanian officials on matters of concern to the Arab nation, ways to cement therly relations and to seek for Lebanon.

Dr. Salman told a JNA correspondent that the security situation in Lebanon is improving he hoped that life would be to normal very soon.

Jaabari supports Palestinian state

AMMAN, Jan. 11 (R). — Sheikh Mohammed Ali Al Jaabari, former mayor of Hebron, said here today he supported the creation of a Palestine state.

But he said the Palestine should only come to being its territory was liberated Arab agreement on the qu should first be achieved, Sheikh said.

Reading from a prepared ment in a press conference Sheikh Mohammed said he d feel at ease regarding the pred Geneva Middle East peace ference.

But if the Arab states ar able to find other means to the issue except by going to va, they should realise that will only go there under t States pressure, he added.

Exchange Rates

Following are the official exchange rates in effect at the start of today's business day, as set by the Central Bank of Jordan.

The first column is how much you would receive in Jordanian fils for selling a unit of the foreign currency, while the second column denotes how much it would cost you to buy a unit of the foreign currency:

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German mark	138.8	139.2
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Italian lira		
(for every 100)	37.8	38.0
Syrian pound	82.5	82.9
Lebanese pound	110.1	112.7
Saudi riyal	94.4	95.1
Iraqi dinar	945.0	955.0
Kuwaiti dinar	1160.0	1171.0
UAE dirham	83.5	84.0
Libyan dinar	723.0	746.0
Egyptian pound	463.0	477.0

What's Going On

In cooperation with the C ittee of the Department of S ology at the University of J the Goethe Institute prese lecture by Dr. Mohammad iseid entitled "Problems of Students in Germany". 4:00 p.m., at the Goethe itute, Jabal Amman.

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He led Americans away from the Watergate "nightmare"; Is that how history will judge Gerald R. Ford?

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11, (R). — Gerald R. Ford was an accidental president, finally rejected by the voters. But history will surely deal more kindly with him than with past presidents installed with huge majorities.

He was the right man in the right place at the right time. He managed to project an air of tranquility immediately he entered the White House after the Watergate scandal had forced President Nixon's resignation.

His major achievement was in being accepted as a man of unquestioned honesty and integrity. These were qualities that Americans yearned for after Watergate. And they more than balanced his weaknesses.

His 28-month term was notable for the restoration of trust in the White House and the emphasis it gave to his own proud boast that in a long political career, dating from 1949 when he was first elected to Congress, he had won many adversaries but not a single enemy.

Even if they were critical of his policies and colourless personality, Americans showered respect and even affection on him. Many said they voted against White House.

him reluctantly in November, when he lost the White House to Democrat Jimmy Carter.

Mr. Ford, who never aspired to higher rank than speaker of the House of Representatives, was thrust into power first by the resignation of Vice President Spiro Agnew in 1973 and then by Mr. Nixon's departure in 1974.

He became an appointed vice president and then an appointed president, the first in the country's 200 years of existence, just as Mr. Nixon was the first U.S. president to resign.

A middle American of plain tastes and thought and simple virtues, Mr. Ford had a record in the White House that was better than most analysts expected.

Even Mr. Jimmy Carter -- after the election -- called him a good and decent man with a legitimate and accurate claim to having done a good job under trying circumstances.

But Mr. Ford was dogged by stubborn unemployment, a sluggish economy, a reputation for mediocrity and a feeling that it was time for a change after eight years of Republican rule in the White House.

Mr. Ford achieved a large measure of national unity and stability after the chaos of the Vietnam war and the Nixon and Agnew scandals.

Ironically, his unexpected pardon of Mr. Nixon a month after he assumed the presidency was, even in his own view, a major factor in his defeat by Mr. Carter.

Mr Ford voiced no regret. He said the pardon was necessary so that he could put the past behind and concentrate on working for peace abroad and prosperity at home.

He was credited with major achievements in diplomacy that led to the Sinal accord between Israel and Egypt, finally disengaging the United States from Indochina -- although he did that reluctantly -- involving the United States in a search for majority rule in Southern Africa, and pursuing detente with China and the Soviet Union.

His presidential career was marked by continual conflict with congress. But it resulted from honest difference of opinion, and not from the abuse of power and subversion of the constitution attributed to Mr. Richard Nixon.

Mr Ford kept the Democratic-controlled Congress at bay, casting 66 vetoes of legislation and seeing most of them sustained.

He was never afraid to espouse policies of restraining spending, resisting the welfare state and warning Americans that if they did not need him they would meet what he called Britain's economic disaster.

Mr Ford's credentials were a rightwing philosophy, reliability and a realistic, practical approach to politics fostered by his long years in Congress, including nine as leader of the Republican minority in the House of Representatives. His training for the White House was eight months as vice president following the resignation of Mr. Spiro Agnew, who had pleaded no contest to a charge of income tax evasion.

Those eight months, from Dec. 6, 1973, to Aug. 9, 1974, were lived in the shadow of Watergate.

The scandal was what President Ford himself called "our long national nightmare" -- from which he successfully led the American people into a period of calm and hope.

UNESCO APPEAL -- Mr. Amadou-Mahtar M'bow, Director General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) makes an appeal Tuesday to save Athens' Acropolis from destruction and decay. The 2,500-year-old citadel-temple can be seen supported by scaffolding in the background. (AP wirephoto).

Denis Healey: 1977 brings "comparable problems" for British, French economies

PARIS Jan. 11 (AFP). — Both Britain and France will find 1977 a difficult year in the economic sector as they face "comparable problems", British Chancellor of the Exchequer Denis Healey told the French business daily Les Echos in an interview today.

Commenting on the arrival of French Premier and Finance Minister Raymond Barre in London today, Mr. Healey said: "The French and British economies will this year face comparable problems. Our forecasts for Britain last month give a 1977 rise in gross national product (GNP) of two per cent, a 15 per cent price slide and a payments deficit of \$1,500 million... We think the GNP growth in France will be stronger than in Britain, the inflation rate at consumer level will be slightly less, and the payments deficit rather higher."

Mr. Healey added: "Short-term prospects for jobs are not good on either side of the Channel."

Asked if Britain, whose Roy Jenkins is the new president of the European Economic Community (EEC), would act in the monetary sphere, Mr. Healey said: "I think that the (Dutch) idea for trying to make European exchange rates move within zones defined in advance, would be a big step to greater stability on the money markets."

"It would not be very realistic to look for quick progress in this difficult sector when the convalescence of the world economy is still not firmly assured. But I hope that under our presidency we can get discussions moving ahead."

The chancellor noted that discussions on this subject had started some time ago in the field of exchange rate policy and domestic monetary policy.

Of the \$3,900 million credit for Britain from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), Mr. Healey said: "This credit will not, strictly speaking, mean a debt. In fact, we have simply set up a drawing facility which we may or may not use, depending on needs. It would be wrong at this stage to consider the \$3,900 million as a debt."

He went on: "The merit of North Sea oil is that it lets us obtain substantial surpluses for our payments. It will enable us to pay back our international debts, including those with the IMF."

"We estimate that oil sales will give us an annual payments surplus of more than \$3,900 million from 1978. The surplus will be much more in the early years of the next decade."

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Pakistani opposition unites for election

RAWALPINDI Jan. 11 (AFP) — Pakistani opposition parties have formed a united front to contest the March general elections, it was reported today.

The parties, numbering eight, will put up a joint candidate against the nominee of Premier Zulfikar Ali Bhutto's Pakistan People Party in each constituency, the reports said.

Elections for a 216-member national Assembly are scheduled for March 7. Polling for Legislative Assemblies of the four provinces of Punjab, Sind, Northwest Frontier and Baluchistan will take place on March 10.

The opposition leaders are scheduled to make a formal announcement about their election front later in Lahore, capital of Punjab Province, where they have been meeting for the last few days.

Reports said the parties have set up a joint parliamentary board to select candidates for the elections.

The ruling party chairman, Premier Bhutto, has also constituted five such boards to recommend candidates.

The Pakistan Election Commission yesterday invited nominations for elections to the future National Assembly by Jan. 19. The present assembly was dissolved by President Fazal Elahi Chaudhry yesterday in readiness for the polls.

The eight opposition parties are Muslim League, Tehrik-I-Istiqal, Jamaat-E-Islami, Jamiat Ulema-E-Islam, Jamiat Ulema-E-Pakistan, National Democratic Party, Pakistan Democratic Party, and Khaksar.

D'Estaing will have wide range of issues to discuss in Saudi Arabia

PARIS, Jan. 11 (AFP). — President Valery Giscard d'Estaing will pay an official visit to Saudi Arabia between Jan. 22-25, the first French head of state to do so. The trip returns a visit here in May, 1973 by the late King Faisal.

It comes at a time when Saudi Arabia, bolstered by its oil wealth and buoyed by prestige resulting from its moderate stance toward the West, plans to play a wider role in world affairs.

The country, the world's largest producer of crude with average annual output of 425 million tons, demonstrated remarkable moderation at the recent Doha, meeting of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, the nation's Minister of Oil and Mineral Wealth, has made it clear that Saudi Arabia expected concessions from the West in return for its moderation on the oil price issue.

In a recent interview with the German weekly news magazine Der Spiegel, Sheikh Yamani said his country expected, for instance, progress in the north-south dialogue between industrialised and developing countries as well as a solution of the Middle East

conflict.

On Israel, his position was categorical: That country must abide by United Nations resolutions calling for the evacuation of Arab territories occupied in 1976 and accept the creation of a Palestinian state.

Thus the Middle East crisis and outlook for resumption of the north-south dialogue are expected to rank high on the list of President Giscard d'Estaing's talks in Riyadh, the Saudi capital.

Also likely to be discussed are the future of the French territory of Afars and Issas, due to become independent this year, and its effect on the southern Red Sea region bordering Saudi Arabia.

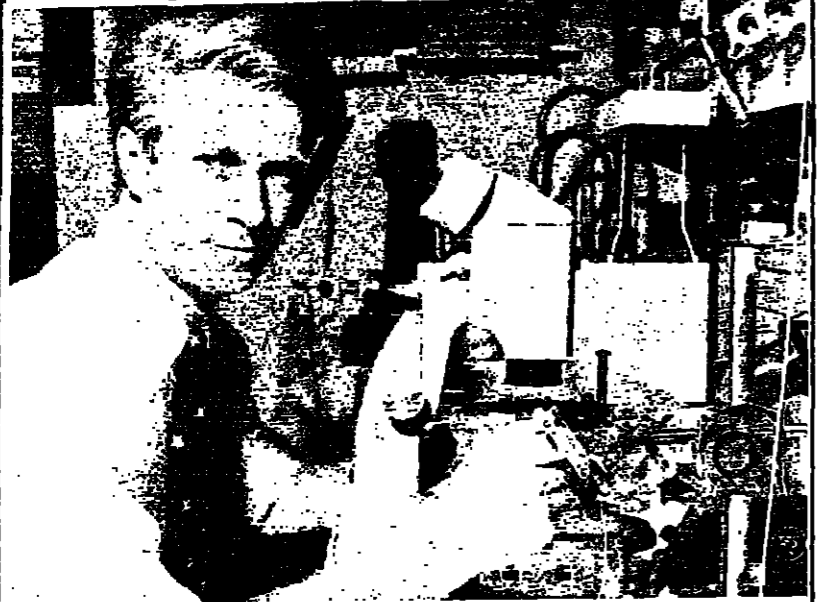
Bilateral relations too, will be taken up. France is only the number six supplier to Saudi Arabia, falling far behind the United States and Japan, each of which account for 26 per cent of Saudi imports.

Saudi Arabia, on the other hand, is France's third largest supplier of crude oil. Some 4,000 French live in Saudi Arabia.

The French president is scheduled to hold several rounds of talks in Riyadh, where he will stay at Nassiriyah Palace.

BRITON WINS WEST GERMAN SCIENCE PRIZE

Research in cell biology described as 'epoch making' has won for a British scientist Federal Germany's premier science prize. Dr. John Gurdon specialises in the technique of nuclear transplantation -- the single most important result of which has been demonstration of the fact that all cells in the body have the same genes. Further research has produced new information about the way in which genes may be controlled. Dr. Gurdon, a Fellow of Churchill College, will be sharing the £ 11,000 Paul Ehrlich Award with Swedish Prof. Torbjorn Caspersson, who is also working in the field of cell research. They will receive the award at a forthcoming ceremony in Frankfurt. A fellow of Britain's Royal Society for the past five years, Dr. Gurdon is a graduate of Christ College, Oxford. In 1968 he was awarded the Albert Bracht Prize of the Belgian Royal Academy together with Britain's Zoological Society Scientific Medal. Last year he received the Feldberg Foundation Award. (RIS photo).



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Rhetoric crumbles before Western media onslaught in East Germany

Soviet telephones just get by with an occasional hang-up

EAST BERLIN (CSM). — A West German boy of 10 was playing in front of his apartment house here in East Berlin. (His father lives and works here.) The boy invited two East German boys of the same age up to the apartment. It was high enough and near enough to offer a good view of the wall that divides Berlin.

(The wall was built by the East German government to restrain its citizens, but propaganda here says it is to protect them against fascism.)

One of the East German boys said: "That is the anti-fascist

protection." The other East German boy said: "You can call it the wall. We are with West Germans now." The first East German boy said: "Yes, you are right."

The West German father who overheard the conversation was amazed that youngsters of 10 could so consciously switch their vocabulary to accord with the company they were keeping.

This story illustrates how politically aware East Germans are -- and, as a corollary, how important West German broadcasting is to East German citizens.

Conversations with East Germans make it clear -- they are

uncannily aware politically. They have to live and breathe the prescribed politics to protect their position in society.

But if it is exaggerated to say they know more about West Germany than West Germans themselves, it certainly is true that they know more about West Germany than West Germans know about East Germany.

Two-thirds of all East Germans can receive regular West German television, and 80 per cent of East German families have sets. West German radio reaches all of East Germany, and virtually all families have sets.

In addition to the regular West German stations, Deutschlandfunk and RIAS (Radio in the American Sector of Berlin) broadcast specifically to East Germany.

East Germans have a wide variety of Western programming to choose from -- news, commentary, events in Moscow, developments in Africa, documentaries and specials and coverage of communist lands, culture and so on.

Diplomatically, East Germany has tried long and hard to keep the Western media out but without success. Along with Moscow and the other East-bloc lands, the East German government argues that especially after the Helsinki Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, such broadcasting is nothing but interference in the internal affairs of its country.

On the other hand, interviews in East Germany and a study of the East German media -- which include powerful radio stations reaching most of Europe -- make it clear that the Communists have not given up their ideological struggle against the West.

The media here are full of negative developments in West Germany. And they also are full of items purporting to show how various aspects of "freedom" are stronger here. The word freedom appears constantly in the media here -- "socialist freedom".

Erich Honecker, Communist Party Chairman in East Germany, has said: "Peaceful coexistence between nations with different

ways of life and the unyielding struggle against bourgeois ideology in all its forms are not really opposites. They are one and the same thing. Uncompromising struggle against imperialist ideology is a basic requirement of an active pursuit of peaceful coexistence."

What these abstract statements mean in practice is a constant attempt to tell "socialist" citizens of East Germany that their country is good and free, but that West Germany and other capitalist countries are evil and repressive.

But here in East Berlin, with so many Western broadcasts coming in that they just cannot be jammed, it is clear East German citizens "listen West."

These citizens tell a stranger that their government does not do anything about it. "We hear Western broadcasts -- and thank goodness," one woman told this reporter.

One man said East German papers are "horrible", but he has found a way to make them interesting. He looks for little items about West German or Western developments, listens to Western media to find out "what the full story is," and then tries to figure out why the Communist paper reported it the way it did.

"The party is always trying to tell us something," he said, "and if we can figure out how and why, we have a better chance of making up our own minds."

MOSCOW (CSM) — The Western visitor had to telephone from his Moscow office to Kiev, 830 kms. away in the Ukraine. He trembled -- stories about telephone troubles abound here.

But he did it -- by dialling 80-4429145032945544.

The call -- and those 18 digits -- tell a good deal about telephones, Soviet-style, that have never known the ministrations of Ma Bell.

On the one hand, the digits worked. After a 20-second delay while the automatic switching clicked away, the very person the caller wanted came on the line. Direct-dialling is available from Moscow to 84 cities around the clock and 23 more at weekends and other limited times.

On the other hand, all those numbers for one call indicate that the equipment here is not up to current Western standards. And it can take five years to have equipment installed in a new apartment complex.

The Central Committee of the Communist Party has launched a new drive to improve and widen service. It admitted recently that the system is simply failing to keep up with the economy's needs. In this sprawling nation, whose 11 time zones span 8,400 kms., good telephones are vital.

According to a recent Western estimate, the Soviet Union still has only 5.7 telephones per 100 persons -- compared with 65.5 in the United States, 52.3 in Canada, 34.1 in the United Kingdom, 28.7 in West Germany and 21.7 in France.

Sometimes telephones don't work at all -- such as at the Ingur power plant in the mountains of Soviet Georgia, where the phone is so bad that a car and driver are kept on duty at all times to rush messages to the outside world. A



"Wait for our next five-year plan."

complaint recently appeared in the Georgian newspaper Zarya Vostoka (Dawn of the East).

The Central Committee says telephone capacity rose 150 per cent in the five years to 1975. And although the quantity of wrong numbers does seem higher compared with the West (to judge by individual experiences here), making calls here is usually straightforward.

In the call to Kiev, the first "8" obtained the long-distance line, the "044" was the code for the Kiev region. The next "2" pinpointed Kiev itself. The next six digits were the number in Kiev. The last seven were the number in Moscow from which the call was placed (necessary because it was an old exchange; from newer ones these numbers are omitted).

And yet, for all the progress, construction of necessary automatic switching stations lags behind schedule. It can take five years to put up a single one. Some of the equipment must be imported. Workmen take their time.

Meantime, new apartments and administration centres are being built. According to the government newspaper Izvestia three years ago, officials do not plan carefully enough to match new buildings with new telephones. Lead-in cables are in short supply. In Orenburg, the paper said, only 17 houses out of 104 could be fitted with cables.

Even one of the best features of Soviet telephones works against the planners: Calls are still very cheap by Western standards, but costs keep rising.

A local call from a public is only two kopecks (2.6 c as it has been for 16 years. The call is unlimited. Inter-city can be dialled directly from public booths.

The most expensive call (0 c) costs only 25 kopecks (34 c per minute).

A private telephone costs fee of two rubles, 50 ko (\$3.41) a month, paid by 1 out a sheet in a book of form delivering it with the cash nearest bank or post office. distance calls are billed separately. (Check-writing is largely known here.)

Yet wages have gone up than four times since the last change. New phone networks are financed by loans the state bank, but the money not be repaid later because margins are so small.

And to raise phone rates be ideologically difficult for rulers.

One other aspect of Soviet telephones needs improvement: lephones manners. Too often, a commentator in the news Evening Moscow, phones are med down with a gruff "He here", even before the caller pronounce the name.

Officials in Moscow have people here (the city has also million telephones) to limit to four minutes. But most equipment is inadequate. So lines form outside public t and tempers rise.



A solemn-faced soldier stands guard against the evil winds of the West.

UNFAIR TO TIGERS?

TOKYO, (R). — A Japanese karate expert said recently he would fight a Bengal tiger at a soccer stadium in Haiti next month -- armed only with a wooden pole.

Mamoru Yamamoto, reputed to be Japan's most skilled karate exponent, told a press conference before leaving for Haiti that he and the tiger would be in a 15-metre wide cage.

It would be a "fight to the finish," but there would be men armed with guns on the roof of the cage.

"My strategy will be to poke the stick into the tiger's mouth and choke him to death," he said.

Yamamoto, who has been guaranteed \$400,000 for the contest, said he had shaved his head so that the tiger's claws could not catch in his hair.

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Handwritten text in Arabic script: "مركز الصحافة"

GOREN BRIDGE

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North-South vulnerable.
East deals.

NORTH
♠ 976
♥ 1062
♦ 854
♣ K

WEST
♠ 966
♥ J854
♦ 543
♣ J7

EAST
♠ 1087
♥ Q102
♦ Q5
♣ A96

SOUTH
♠ KQ
♥ AK3
♦ 97
♣ K1042

The bidding:
East South West North
1 ♠ 1NT Pass 3NT
Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead: Two of ♣.

Playing with exposed cards, three no trump is an easy contract to make—you simply bang down the ace-king of diamonds, dropping the queen and setting up the suit. But few players are blessed with that sort of intuition. Let's see how an expert would tackle the hand.

South's overall showed the equivalent of a no trump opening bid. Despite the fact that he held a good five-card suit, North's raise to game was rather aggressive. He had no sure entry to his long suit, and if it didn't run, declarer could have been in trouble.

West led a low spade, East won the ace and continued the suit. It now seems right to go after the diamond suit, but careful analysis will show this is an error.

For his opening bid, East surely has the ace of clubs. If he has only a five-card spade suit, he quite likely will also have the queen of diamonds.

however, if East has six spades, West could hold the queen of diamonds, but then he will have only three spades.

Declarer cannot afford to give up the lead twice to East, for then the spades will be established before declarer can run nine tricks. Therefore, East's sure entry, the ace of clubs, must be attacked first.

Correct technique at trick three is to lay down the king of clubs. If East refuses to win, declarer abandons clubs and concedes a trick to the queen of diamonds. He now has nine tricks—two spades, two hearts, one club and four diamonds. Therefore, East must win and knock out declarer's spade stopper.

Now, however, the queen of clubs is an entry to dummy. Declarer crosses to it and leads a low diamond to the nine. If the finesse wins, the contract sails home. If it loses, declarer has to bank on the probability that East started with a six-card spade suit and that West is now out of spades.

As the cards lie, the diamond finesse becomes unnecessary since the jack of clubs drops. Declarer now has nine tricks by running clubs and cashing the ace-king of diamonds. When the queen drops, declarer rakes in eleven tricks.

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JUST OUT -- Maybe you'll be taking a taxi-ride in one of these beauties today? One of Mercedes-Benz's 280 models -- just off the production line -- arrives in Hong Kong ready to enter service as a ... well, maybe a taxi?

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GENERAL TENDENCIES: An unusually good day to contact those who may be in a position to help you with monetary problems. Also a good time to work out any differences you may have with a loved one or co-worker.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Any little changes that need to be made where contracts are concerned should be handled today without fail. A disagreement with another should be patched up. Have fun socially in the evening.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Make changes to appearance and home that could add greatly to charm and feeling of well-being. Be more understanding with co-workers.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Get busy at business affairs of importance early. Then spend some time with friends for recreational fun. Show mate that you are truly devoted. Good response will come from this.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) You can now make those changes at home that you have been planning for so long. Also look into new ventures that will improve your lot in life. Evening is best spent at home.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Consult with experts in your field of endeavor so that you can accomplish more, become more successful. Tackle correspondence you have been neglecting for so long. This will bring good results.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) A day to think big so that you can become big and take right steps in such directions. A monetary expert can give you good suggestions and advice that should be followed. Use your best judgment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You are very magnetic today and can charm others and gain fine favors from them. Get into group affairs for best results. Pay bills on time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Waste no time in getting the data you need in order to handle all of your affairs more intelligently. You have a good plan your mate is willing to go along with.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You can put that plan across with the aid of good friends and be very successful. You can make big strides socially, too. Take no chances where your reputation is concerned.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Come to a better understanding with bigwigs and you gain their backing. Take part in some community affair that could prove to be beneficial to you and others. Show your finest talents.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) You are able to gain your aspirations more readily if you contact those whose background has been different from your own. Use your intuition in coming to right decisions for advancement.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Try to help your mate gain wishes that mean much to this person and be happy together. Make sure you keep any promises you have made.

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EDUCATION PAYS: IF YOU COULDN'T WRITE YOUR NAME YOU'D HAVE TO PAY CASH

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Earl

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by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon:

Answer here: ○ ○ ○ ○ THE "○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○" (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: WIPED CLOTH FOSSIL DEFINE
Answer: Where you're expected to get letters in the right order—AT THE POST OFFICE

TONIGHT'S T.V. FEATURES

LUCY SHOW
COUNTESS

Lucy and her friend, who is a countess get drunk at party and create havoc among the guests.

MYSTERY MOVIE
McMillan and wife
ALL BETS OFF

A Commissioner McMillan on holiday in Las Vegas, gets involved in solving a murder case, against his will.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- Volcano scoria
- Hydraulic pump
- Salamander
- Apiece
- Guido's note
- Card game
- Diminutive ending
- Risk
- Complement of a mortar
- Aeriform fluid
- Pitch
- Binary compound
- Fencing thrust
28. Pep
29. Medieval money
30. Despondency
31. South American Indian
32. Bitter herb
33. Stir
34. Rented
35. Spring back
36. Work over again
37. Pointed tool
38. Moreover
39. Site of Perry's defeat
40. Very small
41. Surface-to-air missile
42. Exclamation of disgust

DOWN

- Backsides
- English country festival
- Tropical fruit
- Baffling
- With regard to
- Duty
- Cruces
- God of the underworld
- Prussian spa town
- Simbad's bird
- Man's name
- Allegory
- Rank of a nobleman
- Appointed to arrive
- Closer
- Artificial language
- Boxing contests
- Medical fluids
- Redact
- Fulfills
- Untrained
- Sheep
- Profane; Hawaiian

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

1. Amphibious jeep
2. Recent
3. Feigns
4. Thickly populated slum area
5. With regard to the mark
6. Duty
7. Cruces
8. God of the underworld
9. Prussian spa town
10. Simbad's bird
11. Man's name
12. Allegory
13. Rank of a nobleman
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15. Closer
16. Artificial language
17. Boxing contests
18. Medical fluids
19. Redact
20. Fulfills
21. Untrained
22. Sheep
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Healey reaffirms U.K. will reduce reserve role of £

LONDON, Jan. 11 (AFP). Denis Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer reaffirmed today Britain's intention to achieve "an orderly reduction" of sterling's reserve currency role.

He told the House of Commons that last night's Basle agreement on sterling balances would make "a powerful contribution" to international monetary stability and would "reduce the vulnerability of the British economy to external factors beyond its control."

Mr. Healey gave foreign governments which invest part of their reserves in sterling an assurance that the new arrangement will in no way reduce the existing

freedom of non-resident sterling holders to manage their holding as they wish.

With the Basle agreement leading industrial nations have given Britain's ailing currency a psychological boost by setting up a \$ 3 billion scheme to help cover any withdrawals of official sterling balances held by foreigners in London.

In Washington the U.S. Treasury announced that it would put up a third of the three billion needed to protect sterling's exchange value.

Other countries involved in the decision, announced here yesterday by the Bank for International Settlements (BIS), include Belgium, Canada, West Germany, Japan, Netherlands, Sweden and Switzerland.

Barre holds London talks

LONDON, Jan. 11 (AFP). — French Premier Raymond Barre conferred here tonight with Prime Minister James Callaghan on European and economic questions before addressing a dinner offered by the French Chamber of Commerce in Britain.

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Authoritative British sources said Mr. Callaghan was eager to secure French support for an attempt to persuade the most prosperous industrial countries -- the United States, West Germany and Japan -- to boost their economic growth in order to help their weaker partners.

Mr. Barre, who also met the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Denis Healey during his brief private visit said in his speech tonight that the "construction of Europe" was necessary but required "patience and continuity."

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

● BAGHDAD, Jan. 11 (AFP). — Eight additional members have been elected to the leadership group of Iraq's ruling Baath Socialist Party, increasing its total membership to 21, party officials announced today. The election by secret ballot took place yesterday in a special session of the "regional" (Iraqi) branch of the Arab Baath Socialist Party (ABSP).

● MOSCOW, Jan. 11 (AFP). — The Italian Foreign Minister, Arnaldo Forlani, had talks here today with his Soviet opposite number, Andrei Gromiko, on the second day of an official visit to the Soviet Union. Tass news agency said the talks, ranging over a large number of international problems of mutual interest, were marked by mutual understanding and held in a "constructive atmosphere."

● CAPE TOWN, Jan. 11 (AFP). — Five schools were severely damaged by fires in Cape Town's African townships last night, police announced today. Firemen protected by police escorts fought four separate blazes at schools in the Langa township and a fifth in Guguletu township, all caused by Molotov cocktail explosions, according to a police spokesman. The townships were quiet otherwise, the spokesman said. The incidents come less than a week after African schools in the Cape Town and Johannesburg areas went back after a six-month boycott by pupils in the wake of last year's eruption of urban race violence. Attendance at schools is said to have improved day by day, but is still not up to normal levels.

● QUEENSTOWN, South Africa, Jan. 11 (AFP). — Epidemics are threatening several thousand refugees from the Transkei Bantustan, it was reported today. About 35,000 refugees are in the camp which is run by the Ciskei Bantustan authorities. The camp, 150 kms from the port of East London, has no sanitation facilities and Barbara Seidler, head of the medical team there said: "The situation is desperate."

LONDON MARKET REPORT

Profittaking was resumed on the stock exchange Tuesday after early buying interest -- encouraged by the firmer trend in sterling -- had petered out.

Gilts were again prominent, showing gains of a full point (one pound) for long-dated issues at first, but these were later clipped to just a quarter-point (25 pence), although short-dated issues remained as much as three-quarters of a point up on last night.

Industrials were widely lower including ICI, Glaxo, Hawker, Beecham and Dunlop.

The F.T. index was down 5.0 at 358.6 after being up 2.5 in early trading.

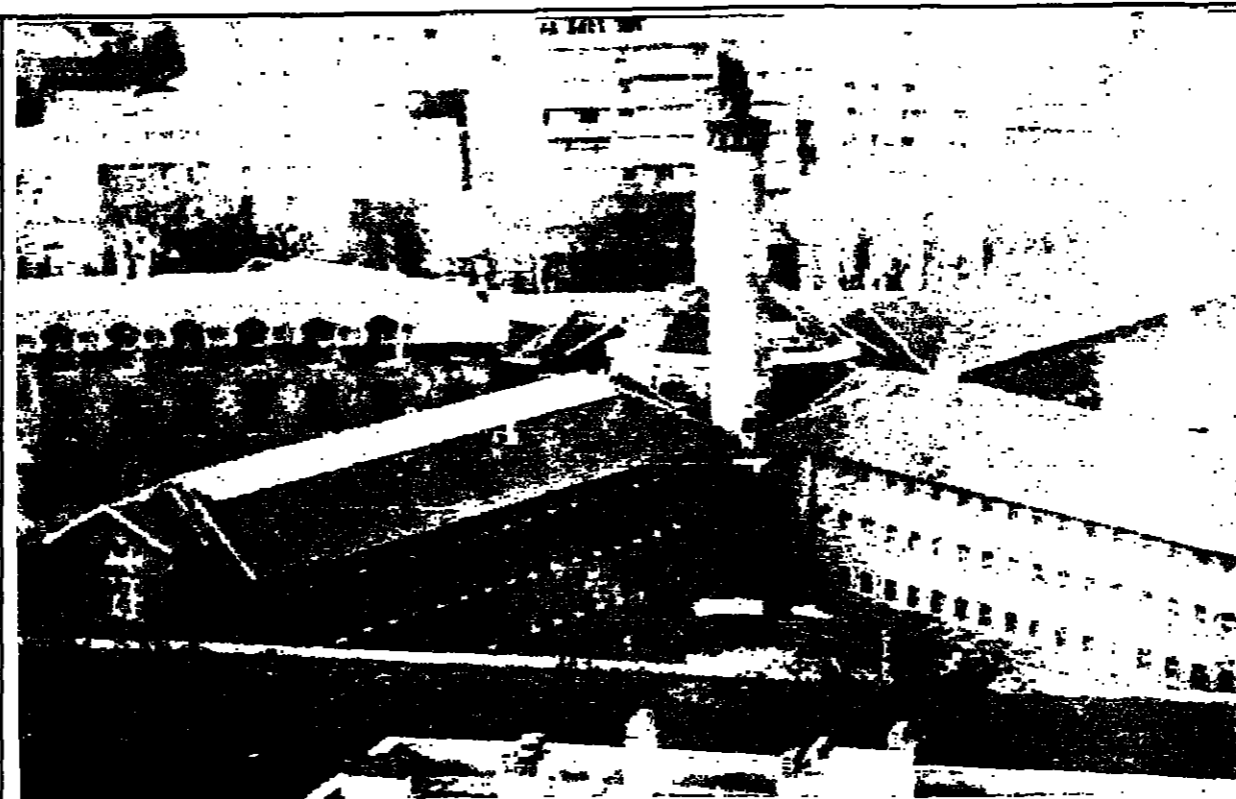
B.P. eased sharply in oils after news of the abandonment of a North Sea well. Shell was also lower, but Burmah held steady.

Banks were mostly firmer, including the major clearing banks, but Hongkong Shanghai was a dull counter.

Gold fell back with the bullion price and only Ayer Hitam (tins) held steady among the other mining shares.

In plantations, Pataling and Golden Hope were a little lower on the failure of merger plans with London Asiatic.

On the Japanese list, Canon and Honda were slightly easier.



ABU DAWUD SLEPT HERE -- An overhead view of the central section of the Prison de la Sante, on the Parisian Left Bank, taken Monday. Abu Dawud, the Palestinian who allegedly planned the 1972 attack on the Munich Olympics, had been reportedly detained inside the prison after French police arrested him last Friday. (AP wirephoto).

Moslem Filipino group claims authority to negotiate settlement of Mindanao rebellion

MANILA, Jan. 11 (AFP). — A delegation of former Moslem rebels today called on President Ferdinand Marcos and demanded "negotiations" with the Philippine government for a peaceful settlement of the Moslem rebellion in Mindanao.

The 29-strong group calling itself the Moro Reform Liberation Movement also said that the Islamic conference and the rebel Moro National Liberation Front (MNL) should "confer" with them prior to the second round of peace talks in Libya Feb. 5-March 3.

The demand was contained in a resolution handed by the movement, described by the presidential press office as "the original rebel commanders of the MNLF," to President Marcos when he received the delegation at the Malacanang Palace here.

"The rebel commanders claim to represent a majority of the inhabitants of the entire Moslem areas and, at the same time, a total of 26,000 fighters half of whom are fully armed," a press office statement said.

Mr. Marcos referred the resolution to his Defense Under-Secretary Carmelo Barbero "for action" and ordered Defense Secretary Juan Ponce Enrile and Armed Forces South Command chief Admiral Romulo Espaldon to "immediately verify the figures as to the number of rebels and the population allegedly represented by them."

Indications are Chairman Hua must make crucial decisions soon under pressure of Peking crowds' demands

By Rene Flipo

PEKING, Jan. 11 (AFP). — The Chinese leadership has not yet reacted or given any kind of reply to the insistent demands by Peking crowds that former Vice-Premier and Vice Chairman of the party Teng Hsiao-ping, sacked last April, should be rehabilitated.

There has been no reaction either to criticism by Peking residents of certain figures including two members of the Central Committee's Politburo, Peking Mayor Wu Teh and the Commander of the Peking Military Region, Gen. Chen-Hsi-lien.

Never since the Cultural Revolution of the sixties have such demands been made by the masses. It appears that Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, who succeeded Chairman Mao Tse-tung just over three months ago, once again faces crucial decisions in one of

the most difficult leadership transfers in history.

The problem seems to be a two-sided one:

1 — The people of Peking are asking Chairman Hua Kuo-feng to give up the post of premier in favour of the very man whom he had publicly criticised in April 1976 for following a "counter-revolutionary revisionist line."

That man is Mr. Teng. According to the official press last April, Chairman Mao said he was a "representative of the bourgeoisie" and he "knew nothing of Marxism-Leninism."

This paradox was made even stronger in that the announcement of Mr. Teng's dismissal following the Tien An Men Square riots of April 5 was made at the same time as that of Mr. Hua's appointment as premier.

Now the masses on Tien An Men are demanding on posters

that Mr. Teng should "succeed Chou En-lai", the former premier who died at the age of 78 on Jan. 8, 1976.

It seems that the authorities would already have put an end to this request if it were absolutely contrary to the intentions of the leadership. It is, however, believed in diplomatic circles here that Chairman Hua Kuo-feng may be under pressure to solve the "Teng Hsiao-ping problem" earlier than he would have liked.

The people of Peking, while once again pledging their "confidence" in Mr. Hua, are calling for the departure of some of the most prominent figures in the team he chose to keep around him, like Peking's Mayor Wu Teh and Gen. Chen Hsi-Lien.

But for the moment nothing has happened, and no meeting of the top Chinese leaders has been announced since Dec. 27, when the most recent official list of the party hierarchy was published.

Certain observers in Peking think it is possible that a top-level meeting will be held on Jan. 15 for the anniversary of Mr. Chou's funeral, during which the funeral oration was read by Mr. Teng.

If that is the case, more light will perhaps be shed on the situation.

Jenkins urges EEC to aim for firm ties with U.S., others

LUXEMBOURG, Jan. 11 (AFP). — Mr. Roy Jenkins, the new British President of the EEC Commission, today urged the European Economic Community to adopt a coherent and firm attitude in relations with other countries including the United States.

"Across the Atlantic we have a new president who has made it clear in his public statements that he is anxious to work in partnership with Europe as a community," Mr. Jenkins said in his maiden speech before the European Parliament here.

"But what that will mean in practice and how effectively we can have a good relationship across the Atlantic will depend essentially on how seriously we take ourselves as a community," he added. "Our own attitude is a prerequisite for the reactions of others."

Mr. Jenkins, who succeeded Francois-Xavier Ortoli of France

as commission president last week, described the community "a political enterprise which have so far endeavoured to advance by mainly economic means."

Europe, he said, was concerned with "the hearts of men and women and not merely with management of (economic) packages."

Against this background, said he attached "the highest importance" to the prospect of elections to the European Parliament.

The purpose and the object of the community should never be forgotten, and "we must therefore greatly welcome the introduction of this new political dimension of universal suffrage," said.

Mr. Jenkins said it would "a major setback" if the date for the first elections May-June, 1978 -- were to be missed. "The responsibility any country which impeded development would be heavy and demoralising," he warned.

Before addressing the European assembly, Mr. Jenkins, accompanied by the other members of the new commission, took oath of office before the European Court of Justice.

Zeid Rifai witnesses attempted air-hijack

LONDON, Jan. 11 (AFP). — A man aged about 20 made an unsuccessful attempt to hijack Trans World Airlines jet with 333 passengers on board during a flight from New York to London today, it was reported here.

He was arrested by police when the plane landed at London's Gatwick Airport.

Mr. Zeid Rifai, a former Jordanian Prime Minister and a bassador in London who was on the plane, said the man threatened to let off a bomb if the pilot did not fly him to Uganda. The man was overpowered by cabin staff with the help of passengers before the plane reached London. He was apparently unarmed.

Several passengers said they thought the man was mentally deranged.

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